THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) As per the information received from the Government of Utter Pradesh, the State Crime Record Bureau, Uttar Pradesh had recorded 134 cases of suicide by students in 2007 attributed to poor performance in examinations.

(b) Whereas reports on cases of students committing suicide have appeared in newspapers from time to time, there could be many reasons including examination related stress or other socio-economic or psychological factors. The data on exact number of suicides and whether such cases are increasing among 10th and 12th standard students are not available in this Ministry.

(c) to (e) Although no specific study has been conducted on the stress level of students. Government of India recognizes the need to take measures to reduce the examination related stress among students. The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have taken several measures to reduce the examination related stress among students. National Curriculum Framework (NCF), 2005 recommends measures like reduction of curriculum load, emphasis on comprehension and application of knowledge, focus on continuous and comprehensive evaluation, emphasis on testing of competencies rather than rote memory, making examination more flexible, provision of guidance and counselling in schools, and over all, to make learning child-centric. Central Board of Secondary Education has taken several steps including introduction of continuous and comprehensive evaluation, reconstruction of examination system, giving higher weightage to practicals and internal assessment, conducting compartmental examination soon after declaration of results and provision of counselling services to students.

Censure notices to Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers

183. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the Kendriya Vidyalayas has sent censure notices to several teachers because some of their students did not fare well in the Board examinations this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a teacher from Delhi has been chastised for lack of devotion to duty because 95 per cent of her class passed the subject in the Board, as against the average pass percentage for that subject is 96 per cent;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government proposes to withdraw censure notices from such teachers and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) 158 teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been censured by the disciplinary authority in Kendriya Vidyalayas Sangathan (KVS) on the ground of unsatisfactory performance in the Board examinations by students.

(c) and (d) 9 teachers of Delhi have been censured in cases where pass percentage was 95% or above, but was below the regional average.

(e) Since the censure cases have been dealt with under CCS (CCA) Rules, there is a provision under the same Rules for appeal by the affected teachers.

Two shift Kendriya Vidyalayas

184. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas functioning in the country, having two shifts at present;

(b) whether Government is planning to start two shifts in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas, with a view to accommodate more students;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the alternative arrangements made or proposed to be made by Government to accommodate more students in Kendriya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) There are 42 Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country having two shifts at present.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) The mandate of the Kendriya Vidyalayas is primarily to cater to the educational needs of the wards of transferable Central Government employees including defence personnel and para-military forces. In many Kendriya Vidyalayas, the available seats are being offered to the applicants of other categories in order of priority.

Selection committees in Delhi University colleges

185. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that selection committees for appointing lecturers in colleges of Delhi University have four University nominees, out of total seven members of selection committee, and the Governing Body has not much say in the appointments; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Governing Body is thinking to change the composition of selection committees for appointing lecturers in Delhi University colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) In accordance with clause 7(4-a) of the Ordinance XVIII of the Delhi University Act, the composition of selection committee for appointment of Lecturers in colleges of the University, is as under:-

1. Chairperson of Governing Body of the College or his/her nominee to be the Chairperson of the Selection Committee.
2. Principal of the concerned College (Principal Evening College in case the selection is for a teacher in the Evening College).